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SUBJECT: GAZA AND THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL

1. ACCORDING TO COMPETENT WESTERN OBSERVERS IN GAZA, PUBLICITY ACCOMPANYING REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL SENT EGYPTIAN STOCK AMONG PALESTINIANS THERE TO HIGHER POINT THAN IT HAS BEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS. OBSERVERS CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SEEMED DUE PRIMARILY TO GENERAL PRIDE IN FACT THAT INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON ARAB WORLD AND DID NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY ANY RENEWED INTEREST IN RETURN OF EGYPTIAN CONTROL.

2. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN SYMPATHIZERS HAVE BEEN HARD TO FIND IN GAZA FOR SOME TIME, BOTH BECAUSE OF UNPLEASANT MEMORIES OF EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATION PRE-1967 AND BECAUSE OF EGYPTIAN ATTITUDE SINCE THEN-- AT LEAST AS VIEWED FROM GAZA--THAT PALESTINE PROBLEM IS FOR PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES TO SOLVE. SMALL PRO-EGYPTIAN

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FACTION REMAINING IN GAZA HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DE-

MORALIZED, ESPECIALLY SINCE RESURGENCE OF
PLO CREDIBILITY IN CAMPS LAST FALL DUE TO EVENTS AT
RABAT AND UNGA. DESPITE UNLIKELIHOOD THAT CANAL
OPENING WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE NUMBER OF
GAZA RESIDENTS WHO WOULD OPTFOR RETURN OF EGYPTAIN
CONTROL, SEEMS THAT ISRAELIS ARE TAKING NO CHANCES--
TWO"POWER FAILURES" EVENING OF JUNE 5 PREVENTED
GAZANS FROM VIEWING TV NEWS FROM EITHER AMMAN OR
CAIRO.
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